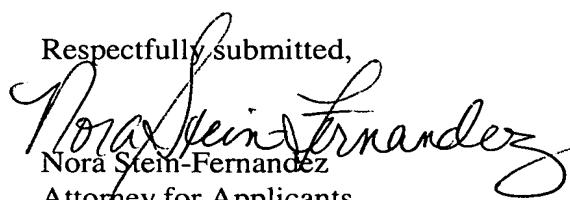


REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is being made upon entry of International Application No. PCT/EP2004/008248 into the U.S. National Phase of prosecution. In the Specification, a new paragraph has been added to the first line of the specification to include the priority information. Claims 6, 9, 10, 15-21 have been amended to conform to U.S. practice. An Abstract on a separate sheet is attached as required under 37 CFR 1.72(b). Entry of this amendment into the record is requested.

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